

Sharon Presutto
3 Blue Spruce Street
Middletown, CT

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 5271, An Act Concerning Jake Brakes
February 23, 2011

Dear Senator Maynard, Representative Guererra, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee:

I live just off of Route 17 in Middletown. Trucks come speeding up from Durham to find a light they may or may not be able to stop for so they use their "Jake Brake". Jake braking is something you will hear on big trucks that causes the engine to slow down. They use this if they need to slow down really fast, it causes the exhaust to go back into the engine and slow it down. Unfortunately it is extremely loud. My house shakes and I have several cracks in my living room and bedroom due to this loud noise.

In driving through other states I noticed several towns that had "No Jake Braking" signs posted and discussed the possibility of having signs posted along Route 17 in Middletown with my representative, Matt Lesser. I feel this is an important piece of legislation for the hundreds of houses along Route 17. First of all trucks shouldn't be going that fast on Route 17 to necessitate using their jake brake, secondly, they should never be used in residential areas.

I support this act being passed as do many of my neighbors.

Thank you,

Sharon Presutto
3 Blue Spruce Street
Middletown, CT